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H. R. 3454

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 with respect to maximum enrollment and eligible land in the conservation reserve program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 17, 2011

Mrs. ROBY (for herself, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BONNER, and Mr. ADERHOLT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Preserving Marginal
5 Lands and Protecting Farming Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT.**

7 Section 1231(d) of the Food Security Act of 1985
8 (16 U.S.C. 3831(d)) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(d) MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT.—The Secretary may
2 maintain in the conservation reserve at any 1 time, not
3 more than—

4 “(1) during fiscal year 2012, 30,000,000 acres;

5 “(2) during fiscal year 2013, 26,000,000 acres;

6 and

7 “(3) during each of fiscal years 2014 through
8 2017, 24,000,000 acres.”.

9 **SEC. 3. INELIGIBLE LAND.**

10 Section 1231 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16
11 U.S.C. 3831) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
12 lowing new subsection:

13 “(j) INELIGIBLE LAND.—Notwithstanding any other
14 provision of this section, after the date of enactment of
15 this subsection, the Secretary may not enroll land in the
16 conservation reserve that is classified as class I or class
17 II land under the land capability classification system pub-
18 lished in the National Soil Survey Handbook of the Nat-
19 ural Resources Conservation Service.”.

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